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**MEMORANDUM FOR: The Executive Director**

1. I had a call yesterday afternoon from Robert Amory in connection with the attached project, "Assistance to Disaffected Students in Soviet Bloc Universities."

2. He reviewed the bidding at some length, and after boxing the compass as to who appropriately might have financial responsibility, he indicated that the Bureau of the Budget was of the opinion that the Central Intelligence Agency would have to be the source of funds. Since I was unwitting of the project, I made no comment except to point out that everybody nipped at the CIA for funds if there was any possible way of avoiding them themselves.

3. As I understand it, somebody in the Federal Government has made a definite commitment to support this project to the tune of about \$100,000, regardless of the fact that everyone seems to agree that there is very little merit to the idea. It appears that we are going to be nicked for the \$100,000.

4. Please have the appropriate people follow up on this and continue to fight the good fight until such time as we get a written directive. I told Bob Amory that I would gladly pay the \$100,000 out of CIA funds if he would authorize our spending \$60,000,000 out of our Reserve Funds or alternatively push through an early retirement program for us.

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